Nomination of non-official members on Committees/Boards in Ministry of Industry

2332. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the various committees and/or Boards at various levels and in the various public sector organisations under the Ministry in which non-official members from the public are nominated or elected to represent various interests;

(b) the number of these Committees and Boards which have been constituted and the names and addresses of the members on each of these Committees;

(c) what is the present tenure of each of the Committees that have been constituted; and

(d) when the other Committees that have not been constituted are likely to be constituted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and a Statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

Industrial Development in Tamil Nadu

2333. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of industrial development in Tamil Nadu especially in backward regions achieved during 1990-91, 1991-92 and upto June 1992;

(b) whether it is a fact that the pace of development in the State was very slow;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for rapid development during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) As per the latest information available from BASIC INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS—TAMIL NADU, 1990, rate of growth of industrial production in Tamil Nadu was 6.1 per cent in the calendar year 1990 and 5 per cent during January-March, 1991. During the same period, the overall growth rate of industrial production in the country was 11 per cent and 6.2 per cent respectively. Statistics regarding industrial production of the State is being collected by the State Government.

(c) Reasons for the slow rate of growth in Tamil Nadu can be attributed to infrastructural constraints, inadequate availability of raw materials due to balance of payment constraints, credit squeeze, lack of demand in some sectors etc.,

(d) Substantial liberalisation in the Licensing Policy was announced by the Government of India in July, 1991. Industrial Licensing has been abolished for all industries except certain specified industries. Govt. of Tamil Nadu has also been implementing a package of incentives which consists of capital subsidy linked to investment in industrially backward areas and sales tax waiver and deferral. A special investment subsidy is also given to selected category of industries irrespective of location. Incentives are available for expansion and diversification in addition to new industries. Under the Growth Centre Scheme of Central Government, Tamil Nadu has been allotted three growth centres.

Change in Government's Policy regarding disinvestment in PSUs

2334. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINITER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in Government's proposal to select more public sector units other than the 31 PSUs already selected for disinvestment, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether there is any change in the proposal to offer part of the PSUs equity varying from 5 per cent to 20 per cent

for sale to public sector mutual funds and financial institutions in the percentage denoted and the recipients concerned; and

(c) whether any equity of PSUs have been offered for sales to the employees and public, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Government have appointed a Committee to suggest modalities of further disinvestment. The final report of the Committee is still awaited.

Revew of disnvestment in P.S.U.S.

2335. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the Janakiraman Committee findings number of manipulations have taken place in the pricing and marketing of the very first bundle of shares offered by a few selected public sector undertakings;

(b) whether Government propose to review the disinvestment policy in respect of P.S.Us.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The Janakiraman Committee in its 2nd interim report have mentioned about manipulations by Allahabad Bank and SBI Capital Markets Ltd., in regard to the pricing and marketing of a few bundles of shares sold by the Government of India in February, 1992 to them.

(b) and (c) A Committee has been constituted by the Government to suggest further disinvestment methodology.

Industrial proposals sent by West Bengal

2336. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of West Bengal has sent some proposals to the Central Government for setting up of various industrial units in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals sent during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the years 1989 to June, 1992, 15 applications were received from the State Public Sector Undertakings of Government of West Bengal and State Industrial Development Corporation for grant of Letters of Intent, Against these 6 Letters of Intent were granted, 7 applications were rejected/ otherwise disposed of.

Expert Committee's recommendation on Small Scale Sector

2337. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Committee set up to look into the small scale sector's working capital and term loan demands have submitted their recommendations to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have since examined the recommendations and propose to implement the same; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to